

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD
FOR STABILIZING THE
HUMAN SPINE WITH A
BONE PLATE**

Attorney Docket: 5259-03702/EBM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

As mentioned in the “Utility Patent Application Transmittal” that is enclosed, please enter the following before line 1 on page 2: